



# The Blower

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## The Starting Line

REport by Dave Lancaster

### Important Notices

**Neohio will not host Tech Day** this year due to scheduling issues.

If you need one before your first race, plan early!

**Contact Maurice LaFond for an inspection at [mrl1070@yahoo.com](mailto:mrl1070@yahoo.com).**

If you know of multiple cars in your area that will work out to everyone's advantage.



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As discussed in my previous RE Reports, this year is shaping up to be an active year for the Neohio Region. Program Managers and other volunteers have been working hard to bring us some new activities to #Have Fun with Cars in Northeast Ohio.

The April BOT meeting had a good number of guests attend which was great to see. I encourage everyone to try to attend at least one meeting a year to catch the excitement we are developing in the Neohio Region. You can offer your input regarding region activities.

Neohio Region, SCCA Inc. has been asked to Co-Host the Time Trial National at Pitt Race on April 27-28 with the Steel Cities Region. This is a new development and was offered to us by Jon Krolewicz, SCCA National Time Trial Program Manager. The offer was made to Neohio because we have already had many volunteers sign up to support the event and Bob MacDonald and I have been attending the planning calls. Since this event is run by the National Time Trial Team, there is no financial commitment from Neohio. We just need to provide support for the event. If the event

makes a profit, Neohio will receive a percentage for our efforts.

Now that we are officially on the program, we need our members to sign up to help with this event. The biggest need at this time are Flaggers. This event shares the weekend with the SCCA Majors event at Summit Point Raceway and is causing a shortage. To register go to [www.timetrials.scca.com](http://www.timetrials.scca.com), then go to the Pitt Race event and select worker registration.

The Worker perks for the National Event are:

- Lunch Both Days
- An Event T-Shirt
- \$50 Gas Card

As for our own Time Trial event, Bob MacDonald has formed a Time Trial Committee and the team has been working hard to get organized and promote the event. If you want to help, now is the time to contact Bob MacDonald or Pat Prill and let them know what you would like to do. I am asking we overstaff this event to show the new management at Nelson Ledges Raceway and the Track Day/TT participants the camaraderie and support that SCCA offers.

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## Monthly Meetings

Neohio Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Any exceptions will be published in *The Blower*.

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the private room at Winking Lizard, 25200 Miles Road, Bedford Heights, OH 44146. Members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Membership meeting dates and times are published in *The Blower*.

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**Neohio Region, SCCA**  
**Meeting Minutes | February 5, 2019**

**Members Present:** Michael Oswalt (Trustee '19), Ray Glover (Trustee '20, Rec. Sec.), Bob Nick (Trustee '20), Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21), Madeline Oswalt (Trustee '21), Jason Pokines (Trustee '21), Dave Lancaster (R.E.), Jeff Blumenthal (Asst. R.E.)

**Excused:** Jim Green (Trustee '19), Bill Moore (Trustee '19), Jim Pracker (Trustee '20), Joe Blaha (Treas.), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

**Guests:** Andrew Grannis, Bill Snow, Duane Harrington, Brenda Nick, Daniel Griewisch, Jerry Lancaster

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Lancaster at 7:03pm and guests introduced themselves.

**Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the February 5, 2019 meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Jason Pokines, and approved without objection.

**Treasurer's Report:** The March Treasure's Report was previously emailed to the Board by Joe Blaha. A motion to approve the report as presented was made by Ray Glover, seconded by Bob Nick, and approved without objection.

**Membership:** In Tara's absence Jeff Blumenthal reported we have 483 members with 40 expiring.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

**RE:** Dave Lancaster noted that Neohio had a big presence at "Spring Training" and gave a recap.

**Banquet:** Duane Harrington distributed a Banquet Report. The Report showed a loss on the event of \$1,080.29 as the meals were subsidized by the Region. Bob Nick had several suggestions for ways to attract additional attendees including: a raffle, Chinese auction, giveaways/door prizes (Mazza wines, books, etc.), speakers (Levy, Goodwin, Freddy Baker, Amy Ruman, Solo Champs, Road Racing Champs, Beasleys, Ann McHugh, etc.). Bob MacDonald suggested a survey (Survey Monkey) "What would get you to the banquet?".

**Rally:** Dave Lancaster noted there are a few people interested in helping out with the Rally program and discussions are on-going.

**Club Racing:** Dave also noted there will not be an annual tech day this year and those needed needing an annual tech should schedule their own.

**Street Survival:** Jeff Blumenthal reported that he met with Bob MacDonald regarding the chairman transition. Additionally, it was noted that an April date would be difficult so they are looking at an early May date. Brenda Nick cautioned it might be wise to avoid proms at the local schools.

**Solo:** Jason Pokines presented a proposed solo budget of \$800.00 for the 2019 season. A motion to approve an \$800.00 solo Budget for the 2019 season was made by Bob MacDonald seconded by Jeff Blumenthal and approved without objection. Jason also reported that he dropped the June solo that conflicted with the Time Trial, there will not be any events at Lakeland this year, and trailer maintenance will be scheduled soon.

**Rally Cross:** Andrew Grannis was introduced as Neohio's inaugural Rally Cross Chair. He gave the following report:

He's met with the Detroit Region's Rally Cross team, rally cross is based on cumulative time of all your runs, course rental can be between \$500-1,200, entry fees are usually \$50-75, thirty second runs are a good target, and a good number of cars come on trailers. He is looking at several possible sites and would like to hold one event this year.

**Old Business:** Time Trial update by Bob MacDonald: the sanction request has been submitted and the date will be added to the SCCA calendar. Mahoning Valley has asked to co-host the event, the percentage to be determined. The tentative schedule would have the morning being a "Track Sprint" format and the afternoon being "Time Attack" (similar to a club racing qualifying session). They are aiming for a 60 car breakeven point with a \$200± entry fee.

A motion to approve a 70% Neohio / 30% Mahoning Valley co-hosting arrangement was made by Ray Glover, seconded by Jason Pokines, and passed without objection.

**New Business:** Bob Nick made a motion to hold next year's banquet at the same place with the same deal as this year's (in Avon). Motion seconded by Maddie Oswalt and approved without objection.

Bob MacDonald moved to approve \$1,100.00 for the Treasurer to hire the same accountant as last year to file the Region's tax forms (1099). Motion seconded by Maddie Oswalt and approved without objection.

Duane Harrington requested a \$4,000.00 budget for the next banquet. Jason Pokines moved to approve a banquet budget of \$4,000.00, seconded by Michael Oswalt, and approved without objection.

Jason Pokines noted he needs \$16.00 to register our website domain name for the year. A motion to approve the \$16.00 was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Michael Oswalt, and approved without objection.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Jason Pokines, seconded by Maddie Oswalt, meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Next Meeting to be April 2, 2019 at the Bedford Heights Winking Lizard at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

# DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL / MAY 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20 Twilight Tour, Detroit Region Rally	April 21 Easter
April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27 Time Trial National at Pitt Race	April 28 Time Trial National at Pitt Race
April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
May 6	May 7 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16 Southern Ohio Forest Rally	May 17 Southern Ohio Forest Rally	May 18 Southern Ohio Forest Rally	May 19
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26

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## Nelson Ledges Time Trials To Be Exciting

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The SCCA will be back at Nelson! Not only is it super exciting to be back at Nelson, but the SCCA Time Trial program excitement is spreading quickly and we are lucky to have it here in Neohio!

We have a great opportunity to promote our region during this new and exciting on-track event. The Neohio team is working hard to make this event the best it can be and to make sure that the Cleveland car community knows about it.

We are building this event to be a gathering for racing and car enthusiasts. It's going to be a day where people can hang with car friends, explore the complex, interact with on-site vendors and see what the SCCA is all about.

### How can you help?

**Car Corrals.** How cool will it be to have the Nelson Ledges infield filled with car corrals and lots of car enthusiasts? That's just what

we are going to do. We need you to bring your car! We also need a few people to take the lead and be the contact for their favorite marque. There isn't too much work in these roles. Basically, work with your car club and help spread the word.

**Sponsorships.** We are looking to connect with organizations that would benefit from being involved with our event. We've created a few, very cool sponsorship packages that get companies and their brands involved with the event. We're not just talking about banners! We're talking about real engagement and involvement. If you know a business that we should connect with, please let me know. We've priced these packages very attractively.

**Spread the word.** We need our members to help spread the word about this event. We have a Facebook event on our Neohio Region Inc. page. Be sure to check it out and share it.

**Food.** As of the writing of this article we have not yet selected a food vendor for the event. If you know of a food truck operator that is interested in being at our event, please have them contact me.

Contact Bill Snow at 216-659-1179 or bill@radair.com to learn more about the car corrals and sponsorship opportunities.

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### *Condolences*

Our deepest sympathy to the Bueno family for the loss of Dave's dear mother, Laura Bueno. Mrs. Bueno, age 87, passed away Saturday, March 23, 2019.

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Andrew Grannis and I are still looking for a place to host a RallyCrossEvent. We have had a few meetings with some landowners, but no firm agreement as of early April. Andrew had a meeting with Painesville Speedway and we both met with the Geauga County Fairgrounds officials. Both parties are interested and are considering an event. Don't hold back, if you know of a place that would make for a good Rally Cross location, contact Andrew at Rallycrosschair@neohioscca.com .

Jeff Blumenthal, our Assistant RE and Street Survival Program Chair, is getting set to announce a June date for our next Street Survival Event. He is working on a new location as well.

One final announcement is that Kurt Stevens is our new Flagging and Communications Specialty Chief.

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## News on Nationals: Rumors and gossip

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TOPEKA, Kan. (April 3rd, 2019) -- With all the posts on social media, we thought it would be wise to take the opportunity and make sure all the information out there is accurate.

The first item we want to address is that the Midwest flooding has not, and will not, impact the use of Lincoln Air Park. While the U.S. Air Force will be moving more planes there while Offutt AFB is dealing with the flood and its aftermath, the folks at LAP have been diligent to make sure that their presence will not disrupt the usage of the

site for any SCCA event planned, whether it be Nationals, Spring Nationals, or the Nebraska Region events.

The second item is about the asphalt being laid down at the site. While this is accurate, the location of the paving does NOT impact the Nationals course area. It will however cause a relocation of the T&T course. We will have all the details, along with a map, after our annual site set up in mid-May.

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# 2019 Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials National Tour at PittRace

## Workers and Drivers Registration Information

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### FAST FACTS

**ON-TRACK**, drivers will tackle the 2.78-Mile Pittsburgh International Race Complex - AKA "PittRace" and vie for the best single lap during TimeAttack lapping sessions and combine that with a furious no-endurance needed point-to-point TrackSprint events. The best times from each will be combined to determine finishing order and the top three overall and in each class stand on the KONI Podium and take home the trophies.

**Workers and Drivers need to register for the event.**

**Driver Entry Fee: \$275.00 -**

Copy this link to your browser:

[https://timetrials.scca.com/events/1992980-2019-tire-rack-scca-time-trials-national-tour-at-pittrace-presented-by-hagerty/event\\_registrations/new](https://timetrials.scca.com/events/1992980-2019-tire-rack-scca-time-trials-national-tour-at-pittrace-presented-by-hagerty/event_registrations/new)

*\* Don't forget: If you're not an SCCA Member you will need to add a Full or Weekend Membership. If you don't have your own AMB or AMB-Compatible transponder, you will need to add a rental transponder.*

**OFF-TRACK:** Those who want to experience the action, excitement and festivities of a Time Trials National Tour are not limited to drivers. Corner Workers, Tech

Officials, Timing and Scoring gurus and more are absolutely welcome at the event and at the parties. Helping as a volunteer, worker or officials costs nothing (you even get some goodies) and those interested can register by copying the registration link to their browser.

**Worker/Official/Volunteer Registration: \$0 -**

<https://timetrials.scca.com/events/1993712-2019-tire-rack-scca-time-trials-national-tour-at-pittrace-presented-by-hagerty-worker-registration>

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You do not have to submit points at the end of the year as you have in the past. NEOHIO will track them during the year. Each month points will be posted at <https://neohioscca.com/road-racing/region-championship-points/>, in the *Blower*, and on Facebook.

For discrepancies, contact Debbie LaFond for correction.

## 2019 SCCA GLD Rally Schedule

The following rallies remain on this year's GLD Rally Championship schedule:

- **April 20** **Twilight Tour**, South Lyon, MI. Detroit Region
- **July 14** **Hoosier Crossroads**, Plainfield, IN. Indianapolis Region
- **July 20** **Lazy Daze**, South Lyon, MI. Detroit Region
- **September 6/7** **POR**, West Branch, MI. Detroit Region
- **October 5** **Clare Color Tour**, Clare, MI. Detroit Region
- **October 12** **Johnny Appleseed**, Zoar, OH. Neohio Region
- **November 3** **Lake Erie Covered Bridges**, Conneaut, OH. Misery Bay Region
- **November 23** **Pavement Ends**, South Lyon, MI. Detroit Region

Look for additions and date changes as the season progresses.

## Solo Schedule

\*\*\*Tentative\*\*\*

### 2019 NEOHIO Solo Schedule

Date	Event Type	Location
4/27	Spring Training	Eastlake
4/28	Points Event #1	Eastlake
5/25	Points Event #2	Eastlake
7/13	Points Event #3	Eastlake
8/4	Points Event #4	Eastlake
9/7	Points Event #5	Eastlake
9/29	Points Event #6	Eastlake
10/19	Points Event #7 Season Finale!	Eastlake

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Read more at <https://www.scca.com/articles/2011786-let-hawk-performance-be-the-brakes-that-stop-you>.

You may be able to receive a coupon. All renewing SCCA members will get a coupon for \$20

### Southern Ohio Forest Rally (SOFR) May 16-18, 2019

Stage rally enthusiasts will not want to miss the third running on the Southern Ohio Forest Rally (SOFR) on May 16-18, 2019. SOFR traverses many of the same roads made famous by the SCCA Sunriser 400 rallies of yore.

This year's rally will kick off Thursday evening with a spectator

off your Hawk purchase of \$200 or more. This week, if you refer a friend to SCCA membership, you'll both be entered to win \$200 to spend at Hawk's online store!

Learn more about Talon rotors at <http://talon.hawkperformance.com/> or check with your favorite Hawk Performance vendor.

stage in Chillicothe's Yoctangee Park. Friday will see the return of some of the legendary tight and twisty stages in Shawnee State Forest near Portsmouth. Saturday's itinerary will be centered in Zaleski Forest near McArthur, followed by a single pass through Scioto Trail on the way back to the finish in Chillicothe.

As always, a "cast of thousands" of volunteers (Amateur Radio operators, Emergency Medical personnel, stage marshals, tech inspectors, etc) is needed to pull off a successful rally. Please consider helping, even if you're only available for one of the days.

Contact Greg Lester if interested at [wgregorylester@gmail.com](mailto:wgregorylester@gmail.com).



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## I'VE GOT IT- YOU WANT IT Classified Ads For Members

Classified ads for Neohio members run for three issues. If your item sells before the third month, contact The Blower newsletter editor to remove the ad.

### CARS

'06, Mazda MX5, GT, 31,000 mi. **Price reduced!** Was asking \$19,000 obo. Supercharged MX5. Cruise with top down or stomp on gas pedal and enjoy one FAST track car. Red with black leather interior, soft top excellent condition. Stored winters; Remote keyless; Cosworth Super Charger from Goodwin Racing—adds 100 hp; Hard dog roll bar, Safety harness-6 point G force (also original 3 point belts); Koni Stage 1 adjustable suspension; Bose sound system;

Eibach rear sway bar; New EGR; Up sized fuel pump & injectors; New set of OEM coil packs; GWR stainless header, resonator, exhaust & muffler; Continental summer wet (new) 17X235 on original wheels; Toyo 888 235 track tires (50%) TR3 17X9 wheels; 12-13 lbs of boost from supercharger; upsized fuel pump, injectors; stainless header, midpipe, exhaust all toward 300HP. Upgraded clutch & brake pads. Upgrades & most service by certified mechanic & expert on supercharged NC Miata. Contact Ed Boyer at eboyer3@gmail.com, 269.823.8332.\*

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